

ABSTRACT

A search data update system includes a navigation apparatus 1 that uses search data and a data providing center 9 that provides update data to be used to update the search data to the navigation apparatus. The navigation apparatus 1 reads a search data main body constituted with search tree data and a plurality of sets of substance data each specified based upon the search tree data from a recording medium 2. The data providing center 9 provides the update data to be used to update the search data to the navigation apparatus 1. The update data are provided in units of individual sets of substance data and include attached thereto information to be used in a search in correspondence to each set of substance data. Upon obtaining the update data from the data providing center 9, the navigation apparatus 1 stores the obtained update data into a nonvolatile memory 12 separately from the search data main body.